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Letter: Greetings,

Don't Redesign Pershing Square: Restore Pershing Square!

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Kim Cooper	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-28	Sixty-two years ago, our collective grandparents wrecked Pershing Square. Let's bring it back to its glory, and usher in a new era of possibility for our amazing city.
David McDonald	Studio City, CA	2013-08-28	I work in downtown LA and am keenly aware of the area's lack of green space. The original park with shade trees, paths and seating are greatly needed. Pershing Square is currently one of the worst public spaces I have ever encountered.
Brian Retchless	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-28	Pershing Square deserves a fitting redesign that brings back classic urban values. As a resident of downtown I truly believe that a more traditional park would go a long way toward reviving downtown. Even if you ultimately decide not to recreate the Pershing Square of the past, please don't go for flashy -- go for a traditional park with lots of trees, grass, and seating. That is what everyone I've spoken with truly wants -- a classy, understated space where they can congregate.
Sarissa Gale	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-28	Work downtown, park in Pershing every day. Would be nice to see something beautiful done with the space.
Glenn Primm	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-28	People need trees to sit under, lawns to picnic on and ponds to gaze at. And flowers. We already have enough concrete and asphalt, thank you very much.
Brigham Yen	Pasadena, CA	2013-08-28	Pershing Square is the historical heart of Downtown LA that has experienced sad decline and is currently an abysmal mess. LA deserves a world-class square akin to other great cities and the former design of Pershing Square would create that engaging public space that will activate Pershing Square once again. Keeping the design simple and classic is not only effective but I believe most economical and realistic in our current financial climate.
Kathleen Scott	Corona del Mar, CA	2013-08-28	As an architect I have watched re-envisioning without consideration of original design intent fail. LA has some classics, preserve this one!
Erich Donner	Monterey Park, CA	2013-08-28	I'm so disgusted with overdeveloped urban open areas. Why do we not cherish and exalt what their higher ideal should be? -- namely a place to congregate, to relax, to feel free, yet hugged in the warmth of an urban embrace?
Tiffany Steffens	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-28	I live in downtown LA and I respect good design.
Max Kanter	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Pershing Square's location is ideal as a central meeting point for the region. It'd be great to rejuvenate the space as one of the world's most idillic 21 century squares!
Rodney Hatley	San Diego, CA	2013-08-29	L.A. is one of the world's great cities and it deserves to have a great public square, like Union Square in San Francisco.
Kathryn D'Anna	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Concrete does not belong in parks! We experience enough brick and mortar from living and working in DTLA - they got the park right the first time with greenery, comfortable seating, fountains and statues.
Jose Escobar	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	I would love to see a Pershing Square that is lush with greenery. I want there to be changes to the current PS, but less is more. Please look back to history and see the true potential of Pershing Square as an urban oasis.
Stephen Roos	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Pershing Square once represented the ambition and beauty that separated Los Angeles from the rest of the state. Justice demands it yet again represent the uniqueness of LA.
Chris Cresciman	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	The fountain of pus, the horrible orange balls, and Kim Cooper.

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Andy Hurvitz	Van Nuys, CA	2013-08-29	To bring back the grace and dignity Los Angeles deserves.
Alexandro Huerta	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	2013-08-29	I grew up in LA and I love the way the old Pershing Square created a central and focal point for not just downtown but all of Los Angeles. We need to return her to her old natural glory.
David del Real	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Please restore the park to its original beauty. Listen to LA natives: the natives never wanted a car oriented city but a pedestrian one.
Escott Norton	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	I live and work downtown, and as much as I love our built environment, a restored and green oasis would bring some appropriate balance for all downtown stakeholders. What we have now is just plain ugly!
Terrence Salmond	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	I live a block away and traverse the park daily. I would rather use the park than blow through it.
JOe Ramirez	Vancouver, Canada	2013-08-29	Please return Pershing Square to it's glory. LA deserves it.
Daniel Amado	Anaheim, CA	2013-08-29	Dont over do it! Please hear the public.
steve abee	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	I love the city of angels and want it to be the city it wants to be, one where people can sit under a tree downtown.
Jodi Zeigler	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Because I'm a fourth generation Angeleno and an advocate of historic preservation. Please restore Pershing Square to the beautiful, elegant park it once was!
Pamela Moore	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Restore Pershing Square back to its old glory.
William Haugland III	Garden Grove, CA	2013-08-29	I am a 5th generation Los Angeles area resident. My Great Grandparents, Grandparents and my mom were born in Los Angeles and I remember them telling me how beautiful the original design of Pershing Square was in it's "hey day". My Grandfather worked at Bullocks on 7th Street and used to go to the park for lunch. L.A. is a special city and we need the park restored to it's original design to show how our city used to look.
bill white	Yountville, CA	2013-08-29	When I first came to California in 1976 I moved to LA...the Square was a nice respite in the middle of a bustling downtown....since then I have moved to the bay area and I was amazed at how similar Union Square and Pershing Square were alike...except San Francisco honored its past by recreating the Union Square as it was before and it is now a vital part of the downtown area....people can relax, drink a cup of coffee and listen to music and pause in between purchases at the surrounding stores....hopefully L.A. will do the same and create what was a lovely part of downtown...especially now that downtown L.A. is starting to reinvigorate itself....thanks, Bill White
Audrey Arlington	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	There should be more green, open, accessible space in the middle of the concrete city. (And no pink benches, please.)
Alfred Montez	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	I would love to see this historic square restored to it's original grandeur!
Adrienne Zeigler	Manhattan Beach, CA	2013-08-29	I'm a native born Angelino now 76 years old. I remember the "glory days" of the park, one of the most interesting places in the city where soap box speakers had their platforms to express their opinions. I also remember that the park was changed to prevent people sleeping there. The powers that be made it unattractive to sleepers and to everyone else. Creative minds should certainly come up with a design which will keep the park a signature place in L.A., restore its beauty and make it people friendly.
stephen zeigler	los angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Pershing Square was once an amazing park. I live downtown because I love the historical architecture. Returning Pershing Square to it's original splendor would add to the honoring of it's history and the original vision of downtown. Thank you for considering this option.

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Jason Brown	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Gensler's passive acceptance of the damage the parking garage has already done is horrifying. The park is able to change the space around it for the better. Please bring back the trees, get rid of all the walls, and give us back our park.
Michael Hall	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	Pershing Square could an amazing destination instead of the concrete wasteland it is now!
Pratik Basu	Encino,, CA	2013-08-29	Maintain what little is left of LA's stunning architectural history
Billy Valoff	Huntington Beach, CA	2013-08-29	LA's history and beauty is vanishing daily. Keep the beauty of Pershing Square by restoring it back to it's glory days
Steven Luftman	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-29	I care deeply about my city.
Carl Ezold	los angeles, CA	2013-08-30	We need more natural places to go in LA...we have enough concrete. Thank you,
Bennett Smith	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	LA is park-poor. We need functioning spaces that aren't paved/painted with crazy colors etc. It seems like Pershing Square was this once.
George Splane	Studio City, CA	2013-08-30	No one has ever been able to improve on the concept of an urban park as shade, quiet, and a place to sit down.
Joseph Todd Walker	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	A beautiful and functional Pershing Square will be important for the whole downtown community as a signature piece, gathering place, oasis, and venue for cultural events and exchange.
John Girodo	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	GREEN development means restoration! Restore, do not re-design, this historic resource.
Vanessa Gray	LA, CA	2013-08-30	Let's have a park with grass and shade trees, no palms. Make it for people not a Pritzker prize...
Margot Gerber	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	As an LA native I would like to see some of the important history of this city cared for and revived!
Stephen Rebello	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	Hasn't enough of what once made this city distinctive and grand already been "re-envisioned" into oblivion? Let's restore for a change.
Karen Coplen	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	It would be so wonderful to restore Pershing Square. thank you.
Diane Valoff	Huntington Beach, CA	2013-08-30	I spent many days at Pershing Square as a child as my father worked for DWP. My parents had many friends & associates that worked in the buildings around the square. It's a symbolic place in LA, just as Olivera St., Philippes, the Library & Union Station are. These and many more of the older buildings are LOS ANGELES. Let us keep some of our history. Having two grandchildren born & raised in Orange Co., we love taking them into LA to see a wonderful city, (coming back to life) something we don't have in Orange County. Please keep Los Angeles looking like LOS ANGELES
Jerell Ordonio	Chula Vista, CA	2013-08-30	I'm military getting out of the service next year, will be moving to DTLA. What drew me to DTLA was the fact that the city contains so much historical buildings, beautiful ones... When i saw pershing square as todays design i was disgusted... Horrible!!! Then saw past designs and the only one that caught my eyes and appealed to me was the design by John Parkinson. Beautiful, classical and simple... Its not "over-done" or "too much" its exactly what the city needs and it restores the whole character of the surrounding areas. PLEASE RESTORE IT!!!
Jerell Ordonio	Chula Vista, CA	2013-08-30	Future home for me next year and would love to see this historic square restored to its former classical glory. PLEASE RESTORE!!
Gordon Pattison	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	I was a resident of old Bunker Hill in the 1940's and 1950's and remember Pershing Square as it once was. We need our park restored as a true park, not the concrete monstrosity it now is.

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Victoria Hochberg	Hollywood, CA	2013-08-30	Design is a silent messenger to the soul. The current design is not a message I would like to send or receive.
Lou Girodo	Australia	2013-08-30	Let the younger generation see what beauty existed before in Los Angeles.
Liberty Larsen	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	I would love to see this space restored to a vision of natural beauty and historic elegance. Let's make it happen!
Julie talbott	Chatsworth, CA	2013-08-30	Because the new proposal isn't an improvement
Tom McGavin	West Hollywood, CA	2013-08-30	Want to see city improved; have friend that lives in the area.
Arden Ash	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	I live in Downtown and I want a REAL park - for PEOPLE, not dogs and concerts! I want a place to walk, picnic and relax. There is no where to relax and chill in Downtown. We need our version of Central Park with trees, shade, grass and benches. Stop designing to prevent the homeless. Design for the people who pay high prices for rent and parking who live and work there.
Nicholas Tessa	West Hollywood, CA	2013-08-30	There is beauty in simplicity. We do not need another over-thought public space full of programmed elements to keep people entertained - sometimes a park just needs to be a park.
Antonette DeVito	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-30	Downtown needs green space, trees, and the historic conservation of Pershing Square can accomplish that, and more.
Fran Offenhauser	West Hollywood, CA	2013-08-30	The most radical ideas today are the ones that say "go back to something that really worked, rather than building monuments to idiosyncrasy".
Cornelia Emerson	Los Angeles, CA	2013-08-31	What a revelation--Pershing Square was once as lovely and lively as San Francisco's Union Square. Let's hear it for the good old days, and restore it.
EDUARDO AGURCIA	SANTA MONICA, CA	2013-08-31	PRESENT CONDITION/DESIGN IS HIDEOUS INHUMAN STERILE
Lori Magno	Winchester, MA	2013-09-01	As a former DTLA Angeleno, I hope you will consider bringing one of the best pieces of the past back to life. Grand is fantastic - this could be as great!
Lucinda Cowell	Hollywood, CA	2013-09-01	Restoration is the only way. We should have never tried to reinvent the wheel where a city park of this scale is concerned.
Christopher McPherson	Phoenix, AZ	2013-09-01	It is important to preserve / restore historic Los Angeles. So much of the charm and beauty of the city fell by the wayside owing to "progress." It's time to bring back the simple glamor of the city that seems to exist only in postcards.
Ben Bull	Claremont, CA	2013-09-03	I have watched the changes at Pershing Square for 61 years, sometimes wary of going there, and always wondering why it can't be as nice as central parks in other cities. It will be populated by "unsavory" folks regardless of its style, so why not return it to the inviting oasis it was during the first half of the twentieth century, and challenge folks to respect and enjoy the space as an urban treasure.
David Markland	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-03	The pre-1951 iteration of Pershing Square was gorgeous. Why reinvent the wheel?
mario perez	West Covina, CA	2013-09-03	Historical reasons.
Thomas Nagano	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-03	Lots of green is cooler, than hot concrete. - TK
Cheri Adams	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-03	I live near Pershing Square and I would love to see it restored.
Summer Oakley	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-03	I love downtown Los Angeles, and making this park beautiful will help make the heart of DTLA more appealing to everyone. Currently the park is an eyesore ... and a place most avoid. I want to see it used and vibrant again!
Erika Larsen	LA, CA	2013-09-03	Los Angeles needs to keep its beautiful heritage and history alive. Thank you.
Kirby Pringle	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-03	Historic character and charm are vital to my city's culture.

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Mara Leppaluoto	Arcadia, CA	2013-09-04	LA history is beautiful and important. Downtown is the perfect place to highlight it. Restore!!
Michael Melzer	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-04	Pershing Square could once again be something citizens can be proud of, rather than embarrassed by...
Stephen Parise	North Hollywood, CA	2013-09-04	It's a great location.
jeff lucas	panorama city, CA	2013-09-04	Because I hate what they did with it, changing it into an ugly cement eyesore. It used to have magic.
BONNIE CARRUTH	LAGUNA WOODS, CA	2013-09-04	We need places of beauty in our cities.
Stephen Young	Nashville, TN	2013-09-05	I have lived in Los Angeles and if I have my way I will again . I think its very stupid to tear down the past and that it detracts from the allure of a great city .
Ashley F	South Pasadena, CA	2013-09-05	Just look at how beautiful Union Station is!
Jane Guthrie	Manhattan Beach, CA	2013-09-05	History is important. Don't throw away our past.
Joshua Clayton	Inglewood, CA	2013-09-05	It's obvious.
cookie lewis	sherman oaks, CA	2013-09-05	I'm a second generation Los Angeleno and I remember the square in the early fifties as a child and would like to see it restored to its original design.
Lori Paul	Altadena, CA	2013-09-05	I was born in Hollywood and appreciate the history of L.A. Stop with "revisioning" and preserve historical design for future generations to appreciate. Protect existing trees, the fountain, and open space, as it was built originally. Unlike Europe and other countries, we have so little examples of architecture and public places that are older than our grandparents or great-great grandparents. Respect what was once there. Look what happened in Hollywood behind the Chinese Theater. Don't let that sort of commercial mall "partnership" happen in Pershing Square!
ED TOTTEN	sun valley, CA	2013-09-05	AMEN!!!
Carlos Cordova	los angeles, CA	2013-09-06	as a resident of downtown, i am only too familiar with a lack of community space where people of different racial and financial backgrounds can interact. a restored pershing square would provide such a space in my opinion, by replacing the cold and uninviting concrete slab that is there today. thank you.
Bob Marlowe	Anaheim, CA	2013-09-06	I have studied the history of the statues and other special features. They are not disposable.
c cowan	Hollywood,, CA	2013-09-06	It is important to me because I remember the old Pershing Square and I loved it. It has never been the same since they ruined it. C Cowan
Sean Quinn	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-06	Green space is important, as we already have plenty of hardscape that isn't particularly welcoming. Model Pershing on Madison Sq. Park or Bryant Park, not LA Live!
Marcus Beniger	L.A., CA	2013-09-06	Because we need less ugly modernistic spaces that look despotic and only serve to enrich the coffers of politicians, and contemporary architects and contractors. How about restoring this park to it's historical greatness? Give us back a sense of what we used to be...instead of a confused wasteland?
Eva Cowles	LA, CA	2013-09-06	Downtown needs something a pretty green town square with places to sit and rest that are clean and safe.
jan sultan	manhattan beach, CA	2013-09-06	because the original design worked as a nourishing and restful place, and it will be cheaper than any redesign by half.
Julio Benitez	Glendale, CA	2013-09-06	It is important because as angelino I like the city historical sites preserved for future generations
jeff kentner	venice, CA	2013-09-06	With trees and flowing water,it would be a great place to re-create

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Gladys C Garcia	Gardena, CA	2013-09-06	LA throughout history has torn down or destroyed numerous historical places. Let's take this one back.
Patrice Anita	L.A., CA	2013-09-06	We need to honor the past and restoring the Square to how it was originally envisioned is the best way to do it...Los Angeles does not do a good job of historical preservation and this would be a good way to change that. Thank you.
Natalie Komuro	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-06	The proposed design is calming and beautiful - exactly what downtown LA needs. In the decade I worked in downtown, I never felt comfortable in Pershing Square. It is hard and ugly and detracts from the historic buildings around it.
PATRICE SENA	PASADENA, CA	2013-09-06	IT'S IN THE HEART OF LA
Steven Zimbelman	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-06	The current square is sterile and uninviting, restoring it to it's original intent is more in keeping with a revitalized downtown.
Mark Gibney	Venice, CA	2013-09-06	Los Angeles would be better celebrating more of it's past glories.
linda willus	santa monica, CA	2013-09-06	Historic sites in Los Angeles have usually gone to the vision of corporations and developers who have ruined many areas visually and environmentally. It is important that this square which was so beautiful be restored in a manner fitting with the time it was built and to fit in with our environment today so that it can be used and enjoyed.
Kenneth Hamilton	Lakewood, CA	2013-09-06	Because LA is my hometown and I want it to be the best city in the USA
Clara Aburto	Monterey Park, CA	2013-09-06	I am a lifelong Angeleno, and regularly attend events in downtown LA. Keep the beauty alive!
Lynda Harman	Glendale, CA	2013-09-06	we need to capture more historical assets rather than tearing them down
William Garvey	North Hollywood, CA	2013-09-06	Other major cities' parks like in New York have maintained their history not re-envisioned it. Pershing Square needs to do the same with a beautiful fountain, trees, and a safe place to sit and relax.
Kevin Thomas	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-06	Because I remember what Pershing Square looked like prior to 1951!
Susan Di Giulio	Marina Del Rey, CA	2013-09-06	Th most important key to making Pershing Square a great public space is to get it back down on street level!
Ralph Cioffi	Torrance, CA	2013-09-06	Pershing Square has been such a disappointment for so many (too many) years.
bambi breakstone	studio City, CA	2013-09-06	Restoring Pershing Square offers a unique opportunity to recreate what was a lush oasis at the heart of LA that could become an emblem of our historic past and our commitment to embracing the development of more green spaces. Great cities have a balance between hard spaces and green spaces. Downtown LA needs this space restored.
Suzanne Saunders	Lakewood, CA	2013-09-06	Please start restoring Los Angeles to it's natural beauty and quit just thinking about making more money for investments
Randall Ross	West Hollywood, CA	2013-09-06	Having grown up in Brooklyn and living in Boston half my life for 28 years before moving to LA six years ago, I have seen the "Manhattanization" of major urban areas all too often. It's high time the people's representatives REPRESENT the PEOPLE and NOT the misguided monied interests of often distant developers!
Peter Magadini	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-06	New is not necessarily better. Lets try to restore some of LA's beauty & past.

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Arlene Vidor	Glendale, CA	2013-09-06	Yes, bring it back, it was beautiful and LA has to learn how to appreciate significant historic features from its early development years. Pershing square can be our first step toward appreciating our past.
Carol Ducey	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-06	Everything possible to restore the downtown area, particularly those of significant historical interest , should be restricted as a way to attract people to live in and visit downtown. When I worked die twin, it was a place to leave at 5pm and go home. The area has begun to be more vibrant and is attracting people to come there . We should continue that process. The park would be a beautiful example of the restoration of downtown.
Briony James	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-06	Because LA tends to hire the most insane civic planners who couldn't design a Lego display.
Flannery Lunsford	los angeles, CA	2013-09-06	As a life-long Angeleno, the historic sites like the Biltmore, Angel's Flight, Oviatt, and old bridges have always inspired me, and invoked magical feelings of wonder. It seems only appropriate that this horribly unattractive and confusing concrete eyesore be restored to its original intention, in a way that fortunately could be achieved unlike the destructions of sites like Bunker Hill and countless others. This is a vision that deserves immediate consideration.
Renita Lorden	LosAngeles, CA	2013-09-06	Los Angeles needs more opportunities to appreciate its history and culture. Restore Pershing Square!
P. Carie	Vincennes, IN	2013-09-06	Though I do not live in LA, I do a considerable amount of research in the city's history; especially, in regards to Hotels, Restaurants, and also their connection to parks. The original Pershing Square park should be renovated back to it's original pre-1951 design. I also believe that this would become one of the most major tourist attractions in downtown as well. Thank you for your consideration.
Aaron Schmidt	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-06	This directly affects my neighborhood and the progress we strive for.
Dr. Jo Perry	Studio City, CA	2013-09-06	Do the right thing.
Suzanne Cyger	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-06	I'm old enough to remember the old Pershing Square with its beautiful shade trees. We need more of this in urban Los Angeles. The previous "upgrade" was uninviting and short-sighted. L.A.s renewal has been a huge success. Restoring Pershing Square should be part of that.
Brenda Barnes	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-06	A new \$50 million "park" in Santa Monica is the same kind of ugly conglomeration of concrete and metal that the current Pershing Square is. Until we get back to parks and squares being green, cool, meandering, and inviting, parks do not deserve to be called anything but what they have become: defensible space for the police and parking lots.
stuart rapeport	I a, CA	2013-09-06	the current configuration sucks. It was changed to keep out homeless and sexual predators, not exactly inspirational concepts. And lets put the Triforium in the park where it could be appreciated and maintained. Maintaining is key to city parks and culture.
ralph franceschini	Hollywood, CA	2013-09-06	Ralph Franceschini
Zoran Milosavljevic	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-07	I remember what it looked like before this most recent redesign and I miss that park. The current prk is an abomination.
Charles Gadda	Redondo Beach, CA	2013-09-07	The current situation is simply ugly, and the original Pershing Square was a lovely slice of paradise in downtown LA. Why reinvent the wheel? Simply go back to what worked just fine before!
Doreen Gehry Nelson	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-07	I love our hertitage

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Ariana Barajas	La Puente, CA	2013-09-07	That is a beautiful picture and if Pershing Square really looked like that, I believe it'd make Los Angeles look beautiful. Give us the jungle, we have enough of the concrete one!
Hubertus W. Zegers	South Pasadena, CA	2013-09-07	As a great enthusiast of Los Angeles, I want to support the revitalization of the Downtown area . Good luck! Hubertus W. Zegers
DonnaM. Woods	West Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-07	I am a native Californian, who once felt a deep sense of pride toward the City of Los Angeles. Please restore Pershing Square back to it's original beauty and function.
James Storck	Glendale, CA	2013-09-07	I work downtown and enjoy spending time wandering and enjoying the area on a break. With LA being a forward-moving city, let's not forget SOME of the past to which we owe our roots.
Roy Rogers Oldenkamp	West Hollywood, CA	2013-09-07	No need to attempt to improve a lovely original design...just restore it!
Robert Bradford	LOS ANGELES, CA	2013-09-07	The original Pershing Square was GORGEOUS. Beautiful, lush and inviting. Please RESTORE this instead of making another concrete wasteland. Thank you!
Tracy Elliott	Studio City, CA	2013-09-07	I think there can be a meshing of old with the new. New, greener materials with a classic LA style
Stephanie Parks	Tucson, AZ	2013-09-07	My friends live there, and I used to live in L.A. Restoring the original would make the most sense.
Michael Rucker	Inglewood, CA	2013-09-07	The original design of Pershing Square was simply beautiful.
Mayeli Amezcua	Inglewood, CA	2013-09-07	I've worked next door to Pershing Square for 7 years and would love more green grass, trees and a less concrete public space l.a. The Grand/Hope was a start but as more people come to live/work/play here the city needs to adapt. Restore Pershing Square to its former glory!
Eric Wilson	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-07	Because I've lived in Los Angeles since 1947 and I want to see the original Pershing Square restored, not some modern ersatz design!
brian sanderson	pasadena, CA	2013-09-07	It would be nice to restore it back to its original beauty and charm.
Ruben Escorza	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-07	Restoring Los Angeles to its original days is important to me.
Alan Cook	Altadena, CA	2013-09-07	I was in high school in the late 1940s, so Pershing Square then was still modeled on classic parks. People CONGREGATED there, TALKED to each other there. Since the undue signing of the space, all that was destroyed, and it always felt like that was intentional. In the process, L.A. Lost much of its soul.
J. Greg Veneklasen	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-07	Because the faded and blotchy '80s design contributes to the perceived blight in our truly beautiful downtown.

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itay seigel	West Hollywood, CA	2013-09-07	<p>The fact that City is allowing it's own equipment slowly rot away and then use that as an excuse to re-do the area is SHAMEFUL! There was a beautiful subway station placed there with local people immortalized in hand-made tiles to demonstrate that vibrancy of the neighborhood.</p> <p>Just around the Subway station, that will someday go to the sea {or at least Santa Monica Promenade} the very least you could do is add back in the city's own storm water lake, the ducks that lived there before the previous government allowed the homeless to take them for food, and the paddle-boats which are still in city storage. There is an entire generation of Los Angeles that remember the "special trip taken to the MacArthur Park" to use the paddle boats to move around the lake to see the different parts of the lake/park. To see the Cement Tower [which is now gone private condo work/live areas.], to see the And then they would move north to see the second half of the park that had playgrounds, an amphitheater, and even an old radio station that is now a city park which has afternoon programs with computer for at risk children.</p> <p>The idea of changing the area is to "gentrify" the area so the nobody who doesn't make at least \$8000/month can not afford to be there. THE CITY is supposed to be making a real effort to make everyone use the BUS/TRAIN/SHUTTLE systems. The best way to do this is to make the ORIGINAL MacArthur Park new again.</p> <p>I see the park as a place for the PUBLIC not for the rich. This is one of the few areas where the city still has the opportunity to maintain a city treasure. The WILLFUL death and rotting of the Park/Duck Pond area is a prime example of the FAILURE of the CITY TO MAINTAIN IT'S OWN EQUIPMENT - an item the actually generated cash flow greater than the CASH expenditure= An ENTERPRISE VENTURE! THERE are very few of these still left in the city and this is one....PLEASE RETAIN THE ORIGINAL DUCK POND AND ITS PADDLE BOATS.</p> <p>WHILE YOU ARE ARE IT, YOU COULD MAKE THE LA RIVER AN ENTERPRISE BUSINESS ALSO THRU CANOES & KAYAK RENTALS. THERE ARE SO MANY PLACES IN THE CITY THAT COULD GENERATE CASH FLOW AT LITTLE TO NO MONEY AND YET THE CITY IS EITHER NOT WILLING OR NOT THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE WILL WANT TO DO. IMAGINE A CITY WHERE BIKES ARE RENTED AT THE TRAIN STOPS AND THEN RETURNED WITH A FREE TRAIN RIDE HOME. ADD A SELF-GUIDED TOUR ON THE BIKE AND WHAM MO ANOTHER ENTERPRISE THAT IS NEAR FREE.</p> <p>THE CITY RECOVERS BIKES THAT CAN NOT BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS...PAINT THEM FLUORESCENT GREEN AND PUT A GPS AND LIGHTS ON THE UNIT. PLACE THEM ALL AROUND THE CITY AND ALLOWED THEM TO BE RENTED BY THE FOUR HOUR TIME LIMIT WITH A FREE BUS/TRAIN RIDES AND YOU JUST DUPLICATED SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, VERMONT, and many other medium/large cities that generate cash from their own citizens and also visitors.</p> <p>With the debt the city has to handle, it is very important that the city is using every single asset to the fullest to generate cash from both the regular daily visitors and the sometime non-local visitors. Otherwise you will have an exodus from the city as its citizens move away to avoid the void of entertainment...simple family no to low cost. Los Angeles has gotten so expensive that most just stay at home.</p>

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Keysha Reese	L.A., CA	2013-09-07	The original version would be beautiful. Restore Pershing Square.
Kat ncle, who wrote:	Naples, ID	2013-09-07	My Uncle, who wrote: I was in high school in the late 1940s, so Pershing Square then was still modeled on classic parks. People CONGREGATED there, TALKED to each other there. Since the undue signing of the space, all that was destroyed, and it always felt like that was intentional. In the process, L A. Lost much of its soul. And the knowing that America is losing so much of what made it Beautiful, and that sometimes we all need to cut back the hedges and make our own back yards better reather than looking at other countries. I think now might be a good time to do this...
Mary Webb	Glendale, CA	2013-09-07	I teach an L.A. Noir class, and to explore downtown settings for stories, my high school students always take a tour by the L.A. Conservancy. The tour starts at Pershing Square, where my students always express dismay when they look at old photos at how beautiful the square once was in earlier designs. What happen? Why? These are the questions the students usually ask. Given the revival of so much of the downtown, it would be wonderful to see Pershing Square restored to its former glory!
David Klappholz	LA, CA	2013-09-07	Because we live in 90036 part of the year and, as much as we love DTLA, can't imagine why its Central Park is so ugly...when it was so pretty years ago.
Don Schmidt	La Jolla, CA	2013-09-07	Hey Garcetti, get with the program. We need green space, it's a friggin' PARK. I know your "vision" is turning Los Angeles into Hong Kong, but get a clue on this one.
Debra Jones	Hawthorne, CA	2013-09-07	Pershing square is already beautiful and I enjoy it to this day, but what saddens me is it has lost some care desperately needed. Please don't change Pershing Square but do help us restore it to it's original beauty.
Peter McGraw	St Petersburg, FL	2013-09-08	T Oconnel is a priemer historian..he has worked tirelessly and from the heart to keep los Angeles a place of history, art, music, and enjoyment//He has introduce me and many to the wonders of the city. If he asked me..I know it is in the best interest of the city and the generations who will call Los Angeles home.
Klara Firestone	Beverly Hills, CA	2013-09-08	Too often, especially in the West, we lack respect for historical architecture. So many beautiful structures have been torn down or "repurposed" in ways to destroy their original beauty. "IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT" is my motto. There is nothing wrong with preserving the beauty of history.
Celia Gonzales	San Pedro, CA	2013-09-08	Someplace only as beautiful as mature trees & architecture can bring such calm and tranquility to the middle of the bustling city
Bryan Castaneda	Tustin, CA	2013-09-08	Because I love Los Angeles and want it to be beautiful. We had a beautiful public space that was destroyed, so why not restore it to its former glory?
Beatrice Johnson	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-08	Los Angeles isn't known for a ton of beautiful, historical places. We should restore this place as it is precious.
Jimmy Carroll	Burbank, CA	2013-09-08	Pershing Square in the 50's was a beautifully landscaped space. Restore it to its former glory.
Harold Young	South Pasadena, CA	2013-09-09	We need more green space downtown.
Kimberly Burk	Playa del Rey, CA	2013-09-09	This could be a wonderful, green space again. A place you would want to visit. And the Biltmore would look more at home!
Betania Alsina	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-09	Love this place and want to see it thrive!!!
Joseph Bove	Fountain Valley, CA	2013-09-09	Pershing Square, in its current form, is a blight on the neighborhood. Parkinson's version could not be improved on.

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Marc Delgado	Yorba Linda, CA	2013-09-10	I work and would someday like to live in Los Angeles, and it is essential that we restore Los Angeles' treasured landmarks to the level of prestige and beauty they once held. Let's maintain and restore Los Angeles to that city that attracted millions of tourists each year and made its citizens proud to live in.
Amy Fisher	Santa Monica, CA	2013-09-11	Los Angeles is my hometown and needs as many green spaces as possible.
Jon Ponder	West Hollywood, CA	2013-09-11	This park was once a jewel, an oasis, in the heart of the city, now it's a hard-edge, bizarre looking blight. Restoring it to the lush garden it once was will create a welcome oasis at the city's core.
Michele Fischer	Agoura Hills, CA	2013-09-11	Preserving history is important to maintain our heritage. Once it's gone, it's gone.
Byron Hobbs	Whittier, CA	2013-09-11	Little is left of old and beautiful Los Angeles, nice to bring back something in this much improving city.
Richard Risemberg	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-11	Pershing Square should be the heart of the city, not a study in bleakness covering a parking structure.
Sandra Bright	Murrieta, CA	2013-09-11	I remember Pershing Square. We need roots not modernization.
Uli Nasibova	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-12	It was done the right way the first time around!
Rachel Gutek	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-13	The history of Los Angeles is important! Restoring Pershing Square to its original beauty would make a great statement, especially as it's next to the historic Biltmore. The two would compliment each other nicely.
Michael Imlay	Pasadena, CA	2013-09-13	Los Angeles has a reputation for "re-envisioning" and bulldozing its history and landmarks out of existence. For once, let's not rethink this public space. Let's restore it.
Benjamin Straub	LA, CA	2013-09-15	Because I look out my window at the park every day, and there is so much that could be done.
Downtown LA Life Magazine International	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-15	Restore our heritage.
Dale Miller	Temple City, CA	2013-09-16	I was born in L.A. in 1941 and still live in the outskirts. I love it when they restore the old buildings, and parks, instead of doing some ugly tear down or modernization. Restore Pershing Square.
Deborah Dunlop	South Pasadena, CA	2013-09-17	I grew up walking through that park in the 50's and listening to public speakers on soapboxes....amazing history!! Bring it back.
Bud Thomas	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-21	This park has been an eyesore even with its redux in the 1980's Please bring it back to its glory days.
Sherrie Gulmahamad	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-22	Bring back the classic stylings of vintage LA!
Son-Huy Pham	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-22	More green space please! Having this park that is within walking distance will also be great for the pet owners and a starting point for community interaction
shane savana	Los Angeles, CA	2013-09-26	LA history is important and easily erased
Shawn Deena	Durham, NC	2013-09-26	this place needs to be restored not changed
Victor Castelo	Cerritos, CA	2013-09-26	Sometime vintage is better than new
Jon Schweigart	Glendale, CA	2013-09-26	Keep LA's distinct history alive.
Donna L. Harris	Signal Hill, CA	2013-09-26	Pershing Square looks awful now, and that was a "re-envisioning." The original envisioning was beautiful and a tribute to this great city.
Greg Iriart	North Hollywood, CA	2013-09-26	Pershing Square is LA's park - we need to do better by her!
Martina Jacobs	Pittsburgh, PA	2013-09-27	Beautiful, quiet areas are important to the well being of LA residents. It's important to maintain the beauty of LA's historical areas for continuity and an appreciation of its past.

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Kenneth Tamura	Lake View Terrace, CA	2013-09-27	Please fix the ugly mistake that happened to Pershing Square in 1992 and restore it to the traditional natural beauty it once had.
Valerie C Brotherton	Altadena, CA	2013-09-28	We need to keep thing the same way so future children can see how we lived year back. This beautiful.
Anne Hawthorne	Santa Monica, CA	2013-10-04	We need more green in downtown LA, and less concrete!
Luis Rivas	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-04	We need a more attractive park with lush landscaping as well as an event space.
Michael Knudsen	San Francisco, CA	2013-10-05	Although I am temporarily stationed in San Francisco, I passionately view Los Angeles -- particularly Downtown LA -- as home. I want to do my part to fight for the preservation of Los Angeles's rich history, and its continued transformation into one of the finest global gateway cities in the world.
E R	L.A., CA	2013-10-05	Beautiful gathering place for all to rest and enjoy the downtown movement! :)
christine loeb	Encino, CA	2013-10-05	For cultural reasons
Michael Knudsen	San Francisco, CA	2013-10-05	Although I'm temporarily stationed in San Francisco for work, I passionately view Los Angeles -- particularly Downtown LA -- as home. I respect the rich history of the city, and recognize the importance of preserving the heritage that makes LA one of the finest, most unique global gateway cities in the world.
Brian Kim	Fullerton, CA	2013-10-05	LA needs to cover more areas in the city with greenery!
Christopher Nickens	West Hollywood, CA	2013-10-05	3rd generation Angeleno, so I know how important the park was back in the day. RESTORE IT!
Tony Banuelos	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-05	Community!
Preet Malhi	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-05	I go to the Pershing Square Farmers Market during my lunch break. I'd like to enjoy my food in a nice, shady area. Please restore Pershing Square to the lush oasis it was.
KEVIN AUSTIN	ALTADENA, CA	2013-10-06	i remember wondering why the park was being redesigned at the time. it was a lovely park...one of the fewer places in los angeles that was comprable to san francisco in that it was elegant and sophisticated. the redesign was an abomination. itt was obvious it was a mistake from the moment it was finished....why do we have to live with it still? restore the park to its former beauty..it's a no brainer...don't make it more complicated then it is...restore it now.
Sandra Gutierrez	Monrovia, CA	2013-10-06	This place is worth changing to the better for visitors and tourist, L.A is beautiful.
Amanda Rothbard	Thousand Oaks, CA	2013-10-06	I would love to see Pershing Square the way it once was.
albert hughes	west hollywood, CA	2013-10-06	Love the area around the park - went to usc - always thought it should be more like Central Park in NYC or union sq. at the very least all boundaries from all sides between the sidewalks and park should be removed.
Damon Kirsche	Valley Village, CA	2013-10-06	Pershing Square park should be a green space that privileges people, not cars. I work in the downtown area frequently and take the red line to Pershing Square. When I first read Carey McWilliams's description of what the park once was, and researched its history, I was dismayed to see what's become of a once verdant oasis. Historical restoration of this green space will improve the quality of life and environmental health of the city and its citizens.
Rick Farber	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-06	as it is now Pershing square sits as a representation of what is wrong with the city. Uninviting empty poorly thought out space.

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Donald Rhine	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-06	I come to downtown Los Angeles at least once a week, often more. With the exception of some of the spots outside the Library, there are no places in downtown to just sit and watch the city. The current Pershing Square feels like you're sitting under a magnifying glass with the sun burning everything around you. I see the old images of the grand "Central Park" and wonder why that park had to be destroyed? Was it so important to accommodate cars that city planners had to banish the people? That seems completely backwards. Everything about downtown should prioritize human-scale civic life; and for all the residents including the homeless. The automobile destroyed downtown. Not the homeless people. Give Los Angeles a park we can all enjoy. Give us back our Central Park!
Brian Boskind	Tujunga, CA	2013-10-06	It's important to me because I often show visitors to our city the historic buildings that still stand around Pershing square. An actual accurate restoration of Pershing Square would visibly tie in everything around it and be a place people are drawn to to enjoy and respect. A restoration project would also help improve the bad reputation Los Angeles has of not taking care of it's own history.
Kristine Wyatt	Pacific Palisades, CA	2013-10-06	I grew up near San Francisco, where Golden Gate Park and all the little pocket parks (on just about every other corner!) give people a chance to rest their eyes and spirits, to get together and enjoy a little bit of nature in the wilds of the city. I always wondered why L.A. didn't have anything comparable. Griffith Park is great, but it's not easily accessible for a few minutes' respite. A green and welcoming park in the middle of the city is just what L.A. needs!
Steven Axelrod	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-06	I would use the park with my wife and granddaughters if it were inviting again. Not enough parks downtown, especially with the loss of the one near the funicular.
Peter Foldy	Toronto, Canada	2013-10-06	I am so saddened by the lack of respect for L.A.'s historic buildings and landmarks. Pershing Square needs to be restored back to its former glory. Please turn it into the tree lined park that it was always intended to be.
Anthony Hamrock	Whittier, CA	2013-10-06	What Downtown needs most is more green space w/trees and less concrete.
Anthony Hamrock	Whittier, CA	2013-10-06	Vibrant flowerbeds, a cooling fountain with some kind obelisk or inspiring statue as a central focus. Most of all shade.
Anthony Hamrock	Whittier, CA	2013-10-06	Also, somekind of an inviting hardscape such as brick, tile or stone. Anything but plain concrete.
David C. Nichols	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-06	Enough of what makes Los Angeles unique has already gone by the redevelopment roadside. Some things were perfect the way they were originally constructed, and Pershing Square is one of them. Restore it, please, thank you.

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Bennett Schneider	los angeles, CA	2013-10-06	IN the last 10 to 20 years we have all watched LA come into its own civic identity, finally. We always knew this was a special place, but like a child growing into adulthood, we have finally confirmed our self confidence in architecture and civic development. This is good. We have a clearer sense of place expressed in our architectural choices: Grand Park is a great example of this new identity and pride well executed. It is right we change Pershing Square now. It needs it. But I say, let's consider restoring the park to what it was before our naivete took away the simple elegance of our early design motifs. The earlier design would compliment the Baltimore's historic presence as well as what has emerged as Downtown's great contribution to the city: Early 20th Century design, the feeling of walking in a preserved and restored LA from before the eras of expansion, and plastic modernity. Those are good motifs as well, in their places, but DT has become a wonder of immersion in what LA once was and is now again and its heart, Pershing Square, should allow us to continue this love affair with our earlier self.
Tom De Simone	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-07	Pershing Square is a legendary public space that has been butchered by bad planning. We need to restore it for the civic identity of LA.
Jessica Tarr	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-07	I live and work in Downtown LA, across from the park. I agree with LAVA that we don't need anything fancy done, but to have the park restored.
Ollin Trujillo	Los angeles, CA	2013-10-07	I was born and raised in Los Angeles, and I enjoy looking at old photos of the city and I love its history. I also have a degree in Architecture, and am a huge fan of Legorreta's work, and as beautiful as it is, I feel like the layout isn't very functional or inviting. I think it would be great to see it back to its original form. If anyone plays video games, chock out LA noire, they show it in the 40's!
Luis Miranda	Arleta, CA	2013-10-07	I love Los Angeles but, for it's sprawl, it lacks green spaces. Not over-designed spaces intended for outdoor movies, yoga in the park, and zip-lining. Those parks, like Grand Park and the future Cornfield Park, are fantastic, but there's an equal need for quiet corners, shaded graveled paths, trees. Some parks should be beautiful and simple, much like the Maguire Gardens outside the Central Library. There one can sit and be still and breathe.
Luis Miranda	Arleta, CA	2013-10-07	I've attempted to like Pershing Square but its all concrete surfaces, sewage-drain-like fountain, and constant urine stench made it impossible. It's not only an eyesore, it's an affront to Angelenos looking for a shaded respite from the city. Also, it's plain UGLY. Just a few block away are the Maguire Gardens, outside the Central Library. That park should be a model for the future of Pershing Square. Trees, greenery, a water feature, stillness - a functioning park without bells and whistles to distract from its purpose.
Pedro E	Ocean City, MD	2013-10-07	DTLA is getting a new breath of life... lets keep up the momentum and make it a place people will want to visit
Jeffrey Schinzing	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-08	My Great Grandfather knew General Pershing. It is a shame how this once beautiful square/park is not as inviting as it once was.
Wendy Nakao	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-08	The heart of LA needs to be green again - a genuine park that nurtures our deepest instincts to be truly human and one with nature.
megan mcisaac	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-10	One of the biggest mistakes of LAs city planning is it's lack of accessible parks. To restore Pershing Square to what it once was would revive all of downtown. it would be one of the only parks that you wouldn't have to drive to (wouldnt it also revive the metro, as it has the pershing sq. stop?)
Bryce Buckley	Santa Barbara, CA	2013-10-10	The urban center of LA deserves a public place for pedestrians to gather. One that is timeless and harkens back to the city that LA once was.

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Tiffany M. Peterson	Long Beach, CA	2013-10-11	<p>Dear Mayor Garcetti, LA City Council, Recreation and Parks:</p> <p>My name is Tiffany Peterson, and I am a graduate architect and urbanist who now works in that industry. If I could say one thing about traditional urbanism (or New Urbanism, which is its revival), it would be this:</p> <p>The most important place in a real city is its main square?its heart. In this square, not only do planned civic and recreational events take place, but also, on a much more minute and subtle scale, does community building take place?each and every day, as workers, passersby, mothers with children, retired folk, business people on their lunch breaks, and even vagrants occupy this public, shared space. This space is where social, economic, racial, and all other barriers take pause simply because people from all walks of life can cross paths. This space is where fear and misunderstanding can be mitigated.</p> <p>If you want to invest in Los Angeles, invest it in building or re-building public spaces for its people.</p> <p>Bryant Park in New York City might serve as a precedent for Pershing Square?once home to crime and homelessness, it was restored to include a variety of amenities and is today a beloved city park. http://vimeo.com/6821934</p>
Steve Gratwick	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-11	Because we need more green space in the city!
Kay Tornborg	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-17	Pershing Park, as it now is, is an EYESORE and a disgrace. It's hard to believe that even city bureaucrats could come up with a design so off-putting, so unwelcoming! Restore it to the gracious spot it once was.
Stephen Runion	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-18	I believe in the restoration and preservation of our beautiful city!
Tom Sanchez	Los Angeles, CA	2013-10-19	It is important to Los Angeles' soul and identity to restore Pershing Square to its former elegance. The original reason for destroying that elegance don't hold up anymore.
Devin Colvin	Los Angeles, CA	2013-11-11	beautiful parks in places like new york and chicago are one of the most memorable things to me and many tourists. downtown la. needs something comforting and beautiful to make it special and memorable for both tourists and residents.
Neil Ackley	Los Angeles, CA	2013-11-18	We need a nice park to enjoy the outdoors...the current park is a disgrace.
David Gaines	Studio City, CA	2013-11-30	Why does our city have to constantly reduce the few existing heritage sites to redesigned ugly blights? Please "redesign" this square back into its beautiful original state (pre 1951) and then learn to stop fixing what isn't broken
Tina Miller	Los Angeles, CA	2013-12-04	To realize the glamour and elegance that this square once held and to have a chance to realize it again is incredible. Let's restore Pershing Square!
Charles Schoenfeld	L H Hts, CA	2013-12-04	This was a childhood memory a great little area. Then it disappeared. Bring it back to original.
Michael Callahan	Los Angeles, CA	2013-12-06	It's time the city council took action to restore part of our history / environment rather than continue with the city's destruction all in the name of progress.
Vincent Richardson	Ferndale, WA	2013-12-06	Historic and a valued green space for inner city people
Suzanne Henderson	Los Angeles, CA	2013-12-12	This is an important site across from the beautiful Biltmore hotel and should be beautiful again. We are downtown frequently and it would be so lovely to have the original design back.
Arthur Burghardt	Ventura, CA	2013-12-21	I live in LA and a restored Pershing Square gives the downtown very much needed "character" and architectural variegation... Thanks...

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Scott Reyes	Los Angeles, CA	2013-12-24	It would be great to have someplace within walking distance to have a picnic with a nice view and without having the sun beating down on you.
Marcos Garcia	Los Angeles, CA	2013-12-24	We need to bring pershing Square back to how it used to be. There should be trees and covered areas for people to relax and enjoy instead of cement and stucko to keep people from relaxing. There already is guards there that patrol and regulate the homeless folks. That should be enough since soem of teh homeless who stay there help regulate the others.
Rosemary Danon	LA, CA	2013-12-28	Because the original design was gorgeous and today the square is hideous.
Steven Devol	Los Angeles, CA	2013-12-28	I live next door to it at the Metro 417 (Subway Terminal Building)
Anita Weaver	Glendale, CA	2014-01-14	Designs from the 50s and 60s aren't always pedestrian friendly but this design is not only that but beautiful too. There is no reason not to proceed with this marvelous design that was truly ahead of its time and perfect for what Angelenos are craving to find in their city today - a green oasis with places to relax and contemplate beautiful skyline vistas of historic LA. Please make a stand and take a truly visionary step to turn this dream of the past into a reality for today.
Suzanne Miller	Pomona, CA	2014-02-03	we need to preserve our monuments, NOT destroy
Sean Dougall	Los Angeles, CA	2014-02-05	It's important to preserve our city's history.
Neil ROTH	PALM DESERT, CA	2014-02-05	My grandfather, Kelly Roth, donated the money to build the original fountains in memory of his wife Nelly
Sandi Dobie	Anderson, IN	2014-02-17	This is part of LA's history!! Keep the history and restore it, DON't replace it!
Margaret Kenedy	Los Angeles, CA	2014-03-20	Los Angeles has to preserve its history, we need to beautify this city more and to restore Pershing Square would be a great contribution to beautifying Los Angeles. My family has been in Los Angeles since 1905 as a 2nd generation Los Angeleno I would like to see LA keep its rich history.
Heather Sabin	Los Angeles, CA	2014-03-26	I am so pleased to #1 even learn that there is a task force working on doing something about the terrible eyesore that is the current Pershing Square, but #2 people actually are behind restoring it to its original park design, which I have long been dreaming about.
elayne kushner	santa monica, CA	2014-03-29	los angeles is an historic city, and if we can preserve our heritage and restore our heritage, it will help to bring back the beauty of los angeles as it should be.
Linda Gartzman	L. A., CA	2014-03-30	The original design would make downtown attractive and connect to history. Subtle insertions into the design could discourage sleeping and urinating in the park as would a few upgrades in people service. Finally, it would provide a real center to downtown, rather than a long drive from Disney to Staples.
Carol Gwenn	Los Angeles, CA	2014-04-09	We've lost so many pieces of LA's history - we should do whatever we can to keep & restore the ones we still have.
Karen Gorostieta	Los Angeles, CA	2014-04-16	I grew up in Los Angeles and seeing downtown recapture some of its former glory has been wonderful. Pershing Square can be part of that. Make it beautiful and welcoming!!!
Barbara Sheret	Pasadena, CA	2014-05-04	LA needs an inviting green space in its center, for visitors, tourists, locals/residents and me. Pershing Square does not meet those standards now.
James Gerrity	Burbank, CA	2014-05-14	We need to show the rest of the country that we still have class.
Edith Weil	Los Angeles, CA	2014-05-21	I support the preservation and restoration of older Los Angeles infrastructure as a way to enhance the character of the city and leave intact the reminders of our past.

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Shaune Steele	Los Angeles, CA	2014-05-28	What was once there was beautiful and welcoming, reflecting a great city. What is there now is off-putting and dated "design", if it can be called design at all. Let's return the Square to its former grandeur and watch the people come to see it!
mona jean cedar	los angeles, CA	2014-05-28	The future is watching.
Susan Spencer	Los Angeles, CA	2014-06-06	I work near Pershing Square and was very disappointed with the last redesign. The current park is a blight.
James Frye	Los Angeles, CA	2014-06-12	Why is it so hard for "the powers that be" to see that an over-designed, concrete-laden slab of modern construction IS NOT A PARK....bring back the trees, the fountain, the walkways....if you don't know what a park actually is supposed to be, go to other cities, other states, and see...bring back the old Pershing Square. Bring back beauty to downtown LA.
Dianne Wash	Long Beach, CA	2014-06-12	Historical importance
Laurie Garza	Los Angeles, CA	2014-06-23	Could be such a beautiful place to enjoy the city. So much possibility and potential!
Theron Willis	Venice, CA	2014-06-27	Mass Leisure Demands Public Space.
Julia Stein	Los Angeles, CA	2014-06-28	Pershing Square should be a free speech zone full of arguments as it once was in downtown Los Angele.
Rip Rense	Los Angeles, CA	2014-06-28	I don't believe anything will come of this, because Garcetti is just another figurehead in the pocket of developers and corporate robberbarons, but I'll sign anyhow.
andrew wong	STUDIO CITY, CA	2014-07-01	The worst thing that happened to the park is the underground parking that isolated the park as a result of the auto access.
Blair Dowis	Los Angeles, CA	2014-07-15	My apartment looks over the park, downtown needs more green and community spaces near the historic core! grand park is great but would be nice to have something closer
Sarah Toon	los angeles, CA	2014-07-18	I live downtown and Pershing Square needs help!
CLARE HOLZER	LOS ANGELES, CA	2014-07-29	I live & work downtown. This is the closest park to my home & work. The walls there give it a claustrophobic feeling. The fountain is just ugly. Please restore it to an open square and reclaim the historic feeling of the park.
Iris Towery	Los Angeles, CA	2014-07-29	Pershing Square doesn't have to be the giant cesspool of human and dog waste that it is today, let's bring the park back to its former glory instead of putting it through yet another "renovation" that merely makes it uglier less people friendly.
Jerry Madison	Los Angeles, CA	2014-07-30	Pershing Square looks like a concrete bunker not the beautiful park it once was.
Christopher Taylor	South Pasadena, CA	2014-08-08	The current design of Pershing Square is an ugly monstrosity. It must be restored!
Charlotte Wolter	Santa Monica, CA	2014-08-15	Cities need open space, greenery, places to gather and relax. And LA needs its signature park to be revitalized to the original verdant oasis.
Alexis Spraic	Los angeles, CA	2014-08-15	Los Angeles does not have a good record preserving the incredible buildings, parks and public spaces that that are integral to our history. This has many negative impacts on the city. It discourages residents from investing in the legacy of the city and protecting it from ill-planned development. It creates an image of Los Angeles to the outside world that suggest we have little history or culture, which negatively impacts tourism.
Andrea Bardack	Los Angeles, CA	2014-08-27	Restoring Los Angeles historic architecture.

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Cary Moore	Edmonds, WA	2014-08-29	I worked at Central Library for many years long after Pershing Square had become a barren lid for the betterment of life for parked cars. From photographs we know what a beautiful, leafy refuge it was: exactly what a park should be. We also know that the library, being nearby, used to set up a portable lending library there on sunny days. Mend the square back to what it was and perhaps they'll do that again, and we won't even mind that they call it 'outreach' or a 'pop-up' and think it novel!
Linda Dorn	Glendale, CA	2014-08-31	I work in downtown. While I like the fountain with the earthquake fault in it, the rest of the park is too enclosed and feels unsafe. Making it all street level and opening it up would make it more welcoming. Also, we need more green space downtown. Right now, it feels dry and dusty with too many concrete walls.
Krystal Messer	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-06	This is my neighborhood, I visit Pershing Square several times a week, and it's an eyesore that takes away from the integrity of Downtown's historic heart. Please restore it!
Scott Richardson	Pasadena, CA	2014-09-13	John Parkinson designed a beautiful park in 1913. It was designed to fit the neighborhood, and was a beautiful design. The history of the city should be reflected and preserved wherever we can conveniently do it.
Tim Gibbons	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-16	The history of Los Angeles is too easily blotted out everyday. We should take an example from NYC and reuse/repurpose the historic buildings and areas in our city vs tearing everything down.
Sarahlena Banu	Burbank, CA	2014-09-18	We need to restore some historical landmarks well like Europe does. Nothing old anymore is sad.
Paula Gomez	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-18	Downtown needs more green spaces, and the 1910 design is not only provides green pastures, but is also great ode to the thriving downtown of years past.
Daniel Galindo	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-18	Los Angeles has lost so much of it's history through new developement, it would be nice to see some of it brought back.
Joshua Crowell	New York, NY	2014-09-18	I'm a resident of downtown LA, which deserves a true world-class park, not a parking lot with some trees on it.
Ben Calmes	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-18	I work DTLA and frequent the park reguarly. Currently it's a disgrace. Restoring its historic design will be a major asset to DTLA's renaissance.
Dawn Davis	los angeles,, CA	2014-09-19	The Gensler design is horrid; we need more green space downtown - not scorched earth like Grand Park - thanks
Sarah Kelman	Fullerton, CA	2014-09-20	It is currently inhospitable. The 1910 design reminds me of classic city parks that attract tourists and locals alike. For example, Jackson Square in New Orleans serves as a center for artists, tourists, take-out local food consumers, and film productions. A park doesn't have to be large to have a large impact.
Susan Hawkeswood	Australia	2014-09-21	I love the sound of the classic design of the original square. I've never been to LA but if I ever go there, I'd love to see a restored Pershing Square.
Terri Niccum	Buena Park, CA	2014-09-21	Don't just go for the easy, or the plan that will put more money into the already rich's pockets. Go for the gold. Restore Pershing Square and put LA back on track to its once elegant dream.
James Todd	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-21	It's important that we as citizens and residents of downtown are cognizant of the fact that it is our role and duty, as much as the leaders of our city, to help make this happen. And let's face it, our city is pretty broke right now. I for one would be willing and eager to contribute to a special tax zone that would help accomplish the stated goals of this petition, so that the PUBLIC can be a true partner in the public/private partnership and retain a real say in this area that is so critical to the proper enjoyment of our lives as Dtla-ers.

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Mike Hynek	Appleton, WI	2014-09-24	To bring beauty and heritage back to downtown L.A. A small green oasis in the concrete jungle.
Kate Eggert	West Hollywood, CA	2014-09-25	One of the first old photos of Los Angeles I saw was of early 1900s Pershing Square...and absolutely loved that in the midst of this great city was this architectural garden, and oasis for the city and its visitors. Please consider the early 1900s design for the redesign!
Kat Bouza	Los Angeles, CA	2014-09-25	The original Pershing Square was a beautiful, lush garden that provided an oasis-like retreat for the many residents and visitors of Downtown LA. Now, it is an ugly concrete jungle, littered with dated and, frankly, very bad public art. Green spaces are scarce and much desired by residents of this city. LA has a bad reputation in terms of preserving and acknowledging its history. Let's change the status quo and honor the legacy of Pershing Square the way it SHOULD be.
Elisabeth Garate	Claremont, CA	2014-10-08	I was born and raised in Los Angeles and care very much for preserving its history for posterity.
Barbara Martin	Los Angeles, CA	2014-10-27	It is just tragic how such a formerly beautiful park exists today in such abject ugliness and neglect. This could be a symbol of our great city, a source of pride. Don't do weird things to it, just make it simple, shady and green, a place to meet, or rest, or walk, surrounded by historical buildings and the life of the city.
Kirk Gaw	LA,, CA	2014-10-27	Restoration to enhance the neighborhood
doug major	studio city, CA	2014-10-28	<p>This was a symbolic part of early Los Angeles and we need to save the architectural history.</p> <p>Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis said "is it not cruel to let our city die by degrees, stripped of all her proud moments, until there is nothing left of all her history and beauty to inspire our children? If they are not inspired by the past of our city, where will they find the strength to fight for her future? Americans care about their past, but for short term gain they ignore it and tear down everything that matters...". this was said 40 years ago, what have we lost and not preserved in that time.</p> <p>doug major</p>
Jessica Lux	Van Nuys, CA	2014-11-06	Keep public space public!
David Ayster	Monrovia, CA	2014-11-06	I'm sentimental and I think the original designs for certain historically significant places should be preserved.
Laura Castillo	Los Angeles, CA	2014-11-06	Because even though I am a fan of all of the changes going on in the city, I believe we should preserve our history just as we have on done so on Broadway. Let's spruce Pershing square up but let's not get rid of it!!
Brian Wilson, M.A.	Monrovia, CA	2014-11-12	For once, do the tasteful thing downtown!
Tim Budd	Costa Mesa, CA	2014-11-17	Each time I find myself sitting in Pershing Sq. it feels desolate and less than safe. The place has so much amazing 'Central Park'/Times Sq/Union Sq potential. Tim
Steven Adams	Los Angeles, CA	2014-11-19	This restoration represents a return to the idea of a civil oasis in an urban environment. It would be less expensive to the taxpayers and more effective as a public space. This would be a world class space worthy of the emerging downtown renaissance and LA's citizens!
Stephen Brown	Lakewood, CA	2014-11-27	I want the city to have a public square / park worthy of the great city that it is. With a restoration to the traditional design.

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Christine Moore	Glendale, CA	2014-11-30	I love the original design that was destroyed in the 50's. Retore Pershing Square to it's original design, please!!
Teresa Buyikian	Los Angeles, CA	2014-12-13	I love downtown--Pershing Square needs this!
Antoinette Watson	Glendale, CA	2015-01-08	I grew up in Los Angeles and have watched with disgust the attrition of Pershing Square over the years. I'm sure it's all about keeping the rift-raft off the benches and out of the slowly gentrified downtown. Shame on those responsible. Now it's just a bunch of unattractive concrete.
Tosh Berman	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	I go to Pershing Square quite often, and a beautiful designed park I think is a must for that area. Right now it attracts the homeless, which is totally understandable, due to the ugliness of the architecture and the general homeless problem, but I think making this an official city park for the whole family, including the homeless, will make Downtown shine even more. It's very important for the businesses near there - especially the Biltmore Hotel, library, and offices. Everyone needs a park, and restoring Pershing Square would be such an amazing project for the citizens of Downtown as well as for its visitors from around the world.
Laura Ceia	Long Beach, CA	2015-02-12	This park is currently an eye sore, semi-enclosed by walls from the surrounding area and hence an illegal drug magnet. We need trees (retaining precipitation water) not cement in Los Angeles. It needs to be a place of gathering and recreation, not a place to avoid.
Evelyn Alvarez	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	new NEED more parks!!! Bring back Pershing!!
Kyle Baxendale	Santa Monica, CA	2015-02-12	I care deeply about preserving this city and its historical beauty. The steps being made to restore the Broadway theaters to their original beauty and use is a huge step, but the restoration of Pershing Square to its former brilliance could really push the burgeoning downtown into the future, by admiring its beautiful past. Lets face it, Pershing square, as it stands, is far from a beautiful center for this beautiful city.
Gary Callahan	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	Restoration is enough. Keep it simple. Grass and Trees.
patricia faragher	los angeles, CA	2015-02-12	Los Angeles needs its old public spaces and landmarks restored and respected. It's what has helped define LA culture for us today; let's continue this to protect this legacy for oncoming generations.
Leslie Pruitt	Thousand Oaks, CA	2015-02-12	I believe that the history and culture of Los Angeles is worth protecting.
Deborah Glenn	Brooklyn, NY	2015-02-12	Pershing Square deserves to be restored -- it would be a huge boon to DTLA.
Nancy-Jean Carlson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	Put Pershing Square back to being the lush, tree-filled grassy park it was meant to be!!
Jonathan Dentler	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	I've done historical research at the Huntington archives and found a number of old postcards featuring the former form of Pershing Square. It looked like a gorgeous place to spend an afternoon and form a community in the city. This is clearly the direction that urban space in Los Angeles needs to take. Please!
rita odriguez	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	Rita g rodriguez
Ben d'Abo	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	I love urban parks and restoring Keeping in touch with LA civic happenings and projects interacting getting involved
Maria Greschenko	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	The people of los angeles don't need any more Macy's shopping centers with mindless consumerism.
John Kennamann	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	Please restore this gem to original
Moshe Greenwald	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	I care about the future of the park and DTLA
Leslie Thorson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-12	While I do admire much of the work of Legorreta, the faded monoliths and orange balls do not make Pershing Square an attractive or inviting park.

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Dennis Hunter	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-13	I live downtown and Pershing Square is a mess. Please restore it back to it's original design so that we can have more park space rather than concrete.
Suzanna Regos	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-13	Let's start restoring instead of destroying this beautiful city of ours, which has a rich history worth preserving!
Linda Glynn	Burbank, CA	2015-02-13	I love having a REAL park in LA; one with greenery and nature.
Betsy Rackover	Redondo Beach, CA	2015-02-13	I BELIEVE in a Los Angeles where walking through open green spaces is honored & respected.
Chandra Pok	Los Angeles, CA	2015-02-15	I think Pershing square is the most uninspired looking park/plaza in Los Angeles. I would love if it was restore to it's former glory.
Norman Drexel	Chino, CA	2015-02-17	My family has lived in and around Los Angeles since 1919. I have seen to much of LA history "remodeled". Most of the time, the beauty is lost. The original design was great and was part of our history. Lets restore our history. Lets monitor it and keep it a clean, safe and wholesome environment
Doug Mobley	San Francisco, CA	2015-03-12	I visited the park for the first time this weekend, and though a fan of Legorreta, I found the roped off lawn, the expanse of hardscape, and the dead fountain all terribly depressing. The park desperately needs shade trees. The 1910 design makes sense and should be considered.
Michael Soumis	Los Angeles, CA	2015-03-13	I want the park restored to its original beauty. Trees, grass, fountain; not concrete or weird light shows.
Lisa Chavez-Thomas	Palmdale, CA	2015-03-18	Restore this park to it's once classic beauty
David Thompson	Lawrenceville, GA	2015-04-15	I grew up Downtown in the late 50's, early 60's. My father was LAPD\, and this is a vivid memory.
Evelyn alvarez	Los Angeles, CA	2015-04-15	We NEED a park in the middle of downtown! Bring it back!!
Ronald Wilkinson	Ojai, CA	2015-04-15	LA is my heritage. Born & bred.
Carole Gallegos	Valley Village, CA	2015-04-15	It is a tragic fact that Los Angeles is quick to tear down the old and historical and replace it with something stark and totally out of place. Please restore its original beauty.
Richard Battaglia	LA, CA	2015-04-15	Richard Battaglia
Richard Nordin	Los Angeles, CA	2015-04-16	It's time LA start valuing public parks and living spaces. The design 100 years ago gave us thst space. BRING IT BACK!!
Susan Hurwitz	Culver City, CA	2015-04-19	Los Angeles has a unique and beautiful history. We should honor it, respect it, preserve it and restore it.
Robert jones	Los Angeles, CA	2015-04-19	i believe in preserving the past
Tim Raniere	Lakewood, CA	2015-05-01	i like the old garden
jeff bridges	Los Angeles, CA	2015-05-04	Pershing square needs to catch up with the quickly changing neighborhood and regain the beauty and elegance it once had.
Michael Masterson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-05-04	Pershing Square is currently an ugly inaccessible eyesore and needs to be restored to its former elegance.
Joseph Garcia	Los Angeles, CA	2015-05-05	Trees.
robert call	san francisco, CA	2015-05-08	the current design is awful
Patrick Williams	Los Angeles, CA	2015-05-10	Protect Los Angeles' beautiful urban history!
Adrian Gonzalez	Los Angeles, CA	2015-05-13	I want to see a better Pershing Square for everyone to enjoy. I want to see architectural creativity, art, live colors! A place everyone can enjoy. Accessible to everyone!

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Gianfranco Castro	Lima, Peru	2015-05-19	Firmo porque quiero que Pershing Square vuelva a ser el parque tan lindo y lleno de árboles
Dawn Wirth	Los Angeles, CA	2015-05-22	This is a nice place downtown for everyone to enjoy and use. What is the point of bluiding up DTLA, if there isn't spots like this to enjoy.
Ray Ramos	Venice, CA	2015-05-27	Lets make Los Angeles Los Angeles again!
Daleisha Dehughes	Los Angeles, CA	2015-06-02	Because I love trees.
jake hempe	Iso angeles, CA	2015-06-03	Los Angeles is very congested and ranks bottom in public parks nationally . And our asshole dickhead mayor Garcetti is hellbent on giving away all our open spaces to developers.
Donna Bright	Duarte, CA	2015-06-26	I love the history of L.A. It's a historic space that could be easily restored. + new filming site! Yay!
Marilyn Blanck	Alhambra, CA	2015-06-30	I can remember the palm trees and the pre-50s park. Even though they were full of rats, the Square still looked much better than it does now. The current design is a big, cement "nothing" and the colors are terrible. San Francisco got it right with Union Square; Los Angeles can do it, too.
Susan Rios	Montebello, CA	2015-06-30	I grew up in L.A. and I think a lot of the downtown area needs some vast improvements. Pershing Square should be restored so it can continue to be a central gathering place for families to enjoy their leisure time.
jen smith	Los Angeles, CA	2015-07-08	... because I believe in the future of Los Angeles and that trees and plant life provide a better and more enjoyable way to escape the city.
Dan Mitchell	Los Angeles, CA	2015-07-13	I would like to see pershing Square returned to its originally planned glory
Jorge Lumbreras	Los Angeles, CA	2015-07-13	Pershing Square is bloody awful and needs to be restored back to an actual park. LA needs more green space.
Angela Lenhart	Los Angeles, CA	2015-07-13	Restoration is SO MUCH BETTER than renovation.
Megan Swertlow	Los Angeles, CA	2015-07-13	I love LA!
Lindsay Katai	Los Angeles, CA	2015-07-14	This city needs some of its older character.
Anne Collier	Walnut, CA	2015-08-08	I love Los Angeles and I would like others to appreciate it as much as I do.
Robert Klaus	Las Vegas, NV	2015-08-08	I grew up in the area, and I remember how nice it was. I can be again...
Katy Taylor	Upland, CA	2015-08-13	its the right thing to do
Yolanda Flores	Los Angeles, CA	2015-08-22	I love the history of Pershing square
Eduardo Ayala	Oxnard, CA	2015-09-02	I'm signing because LA needs to return to its former glory.
Cloud Backus	Pasadena, CA	2015-09-02	We can't get Bunker Hill back but we can restore Pershing Square.
Nina Garcia	Glendale, CA	2015-09-02	RESTORE it's original beautiful design.
Michael Moran	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-02	We don't need another public square. We have Grand Park and that's more than enough. Restore the park to what it was and stop trying to reinvent the wheel.
Nancy-Jean Carlson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-02	Please restore it to its historical, lush beauty!
John Moore	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-02	The City of Los Angeles has destroyed much of its historical spaces and architecture. Let's restore Pershing Square rather than rework it. The pre 1951 design was both beautiful and practical. Let's remember our past as we move forward.
Kim Rawley	Palmdale, CA	2015-09-02	I love to stay at the Biltmore Hotel, and I hate looking out the window at that ugly concrete and homeless people.
Megan Walzberg	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-03	I live in the Historic Core and I want to see its beauty restored!

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jeff gray	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-03	Why reinvent the wheel?!?!
Chris Becker	Manhattan Beach, CA	2015-09-03	I'm signing because we can undo the errors of the past
Eric E Dunn	New York, NY	2015-09-03	This park needs an enema
Federico Johnson	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-06	John Parkinson's legacy needs to be preserved.
Bryan Hawley	Los Angeles, CA	2015-09-10	The present Pershing Square looks terrible compared to the original beautiful green park.
Cat Murray	Altadena, CA	2015-10-06	I would really love to have the old, lush park back. I'm afraid we'll get something "architecturally interesting" (read: Ugly) like Walt Disney Concert Hall, or The Broad, or the New Peterson Museum shell. Something that will only bring fame/infamy to the designer but no happiness at all to the people who have to use it. Please bring back Beautiful and wondrous.
Justine Doud	Florence, AZ	2015-10-06	We should restore this beautiful area. It's a historic landmark, or at least it should be
Eric Mestman	Torrance, CA	2015-10-06	We need a functional public realm in downtown Los Angeles. Pershing Square's current design is simply entropy made visible. We need to bring back Los Angeles's historic urban map. We need a central place downtown that people can actually care about. We need a place that we can voluntarily go to with out some craft fair or political cause. The current design is not inspiring, has repelled pedestrians, and essentially has no significant legacy. We need a green space that will constantly remind us of who we are . The historic restoration of pershing square would ultimatly bring a functional public realm to such a dilapidated urban environment. Los Angeles is notoriously infamous for the lack of public parks and spaces. Downtown desperatly needs this to happen!!
Jennifer Goodhue	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-06	I love Los Angeles. It needs to be the great city it really is - underneath.
Evelina Piorunek	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-06	I stopped going because it's not a pleasant experience.
Mary Stanford	Glendale, CA	2015-10-06	The current state of Pershing Square is at odds with the beauty of the surrounding historic buildings. Restoring it to it's original picturesque state would make the intersection an oasis of old school beauty in Downtown LA's ongoing renaissance.
Jan McCarthy	Boulder, CO	2015-10-07	Pershing square has the potential to be a beautiful part of our downtown. Please consider thoughtful and responsible planning to help restore the purpose and integrity of a public square so important to the continued development of downtown
Gregg rainwater	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-07	Restore please. As Downtown changes and becomes more glass and steel, we need a quaint green oasis that grounds us in our History
Jeanine Burandt	Temecula, CA	2015-10-07	I would love to see Los Angeles returned to it's beautiful roots, on par with the great European city destinations
Patricia Serenbetz	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-07	Los Angekes has fewer parks than ant American city. We need more green spaces. Even former Soviet Union cities are greener than we are! We are concrete.
Alex Hertzberg	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-07	Pershing Square is the heart of DTLA, and remains our greatest blight. It unites all the neighborhoods and holds the promise of Downtown being a true destination.
kirk wilson	los angeles, CA	2015-10-08	Let's do it right, this time.
Joseph Petrosino	Rochester, NY	2015-10-08	Very important that the square is restored to a near as possible classic form as soon as funds are in place for further downtown development. It's a major flaw as it appears today.

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Anthony Harris	Zanesville, OH	2015-10-14	I believe in the restoration of Pershing Square.
James Hanson	Pasadena, CA	2015-10-14	I believe going back to the past, in this particular case is the only way to save this space.
Olivia Grigorjeva	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-14	I am signing because I live in and love Los Angeles and it is a classic, most beautiful and original design of the main city square. Please bring it back!
Carrie Singer	Indio, CA	2015-10-15	We need to save our history.
Carson Bennitt	Claremont, CA	2015-10-15	Because classic is always in vogue. This original design portrays the city my great great grandma and my great grandparents saw when they came here that made them fall in love with LA and is the root to why I am here today
Alba Ramirez	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	Let's keep a part of history ...
Hudson DeBose	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	The original Pershing Square was truly a place to relax and enjoy nature in a bustling urban environment. The concrete has to go!!
Russell Ellison	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	I remember the old Pershing Square from when I was a child. It was a quiet, restful place, need even more in the 21st century than when it was originally built.
Rick Hoyt-McDaniels	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	We already have an event space at Grand Park and LA Live. Let's just please have a park.
Bernadette Cooper	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	What was lost can be restored, a beautiful public square will bring Los Angeles back to its golden era. The original square was bequeathed to the people of Los Angeles and the generations that follow to enjoy. It can be restored, please DO NOT redesign Pershing square.
Jerell Ordonio	San Diego, CA	2015-10-15	In favor of the classical design by John Parkinson. Today's design tries to hard to be a public space. Grass, trees, benches and walkways are all you need. Angel Knolls and the Garden at the Central Library are perfect examples.
Mary Tuck	Pueblo, CO	2015-10-15	I was born in Los Angeles, & I have fond memories of my dad's stories of Pershing Square in the early 50s. I also worked in the Civic Center when I was a young woman, & I love to hear about restoration in this area. LA must continue to connect it's historic past with it's present & future. Loved hearing about Clifton's!
Kay Pattison	Santa Monica, CA	2015-10-15	Beautiful and welcoming public spaces enhance the soul of the City.
Andrea Korpita	Pasadena, CA	2015-10-15	I want the beauty of Pershing Square to be restored and an oasis in the middle of the downtown business district. As a Los Angeles native, I have witnessed Pershing Square's redesign, after ill thought out redesign turn the area into an ugly, wasted space. Please let us have a beautiful traditional downtown center that we all can be proud of!
Mark Trombino	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	Redesigns always mean over design. We just need a simple, open space with trees and benches. The original design works.
Diane Kanner	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	It may be, due to our vast homeless population, that it will never again be possible to have welcoming park downtown. But we should try. Pershing Square needs to be better integrated into the central city as Grand Park has been.
Nicholas Tessa	West Hollywood, CA	2015-10-15	We do not need another programmed' park filled with elements to keep the mind occupied. What is needed is a place to sit, relax, watch the children running around chasing pigeons and have some real green space. As a native Angelino I feel that this should be the heart of our city, and that was captured by the Parkinson design.
Lance Lesny	Tucson, AZ	2015-10-15	Too much of Los Angeles as been torn down lets bring some back

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greg lockett	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-15	With all the gentrification taking place, someone needs to take the initiative to focus on what made this a great city and bring back some of the glory of the past.
roslyn wilkins	Culver City, CA	2015-10-15	Pershing Square should return to its original beauty.
John Reed-Torres	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-16	As a native Los Angelino, this cause is not only important to me, but also important to all inhabitants of our fair city!
Monique Rodriguez	Gardena, CA	2015-10-16	Civic spaces are important. Especially ones that integrate self-sustaining systems that keep our change climate in mind.
kathryn louyse	glendale, CA	2015-10-16	I'm onboard because this is the right thing to do for this city... we need more green space in LA!
Jacqueline Kerr	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-16	Only the elegant original Pershing Square will have resonance, gravitas for the observer.
Joe Edmiston	Pacific Palisades, CA	2015-10-17	I love traditionally designed parks!
deborah seidner	woodland hills, CA	2015-10-18	Let's keep a bit of history!
Jack Jason	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-18	I'm signing because LA is on the path to a new tomorrow. And part of that involves embracing what was beautiful in its past. Pershing Square doesn't need another redesign; it needs to be restored to the classic design that was TORN UP in 1951. Shade trees, benches and street-level views and pedestrian access is what's needed!
tip whiting	Granada Hills, CA	2015-10-18	Pershing was a great man and his legacy must live on forever.
Christian Blaha	Los Angeles, CA	2015-10-23	Because we need much more green in the city!!
Nancy Green	Los Angeles, CA	2015-11-03	This is the best design!
Susan Jackson	Greensburg, PA	2015-11-05	I agree with you!
Joe Ansolabehere	Los Angeles, CA	2015-11-09	Downtown needs to be restored to its formal glory...and Pershing Square should be the jewel in the crown.